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TO: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
FROM: Chuck Watts
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SUBJECT: Map Act Report

Pursuant to Section 34.9 of S.L. 2018-5, the following is an account of all claims and causes of action seeking compensation for damages arising from the Department's recordation of a transportation corridor map under Article 2E of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes as of December 31, 2018.

Since the passage of the Roadway Corridor Official Map Act (G.S. 136-44.50) in 1987, the Department filed corridor maps in connection with 27 road projects. These maps touched approximately 8,500 parcels of land. The Department completed 13 of these road projects, involving approximately 5,000 parcels, over two years ago, and any potential claims related to these parcels have been extinguished by the statute of limitations. There remain approximately 3,500 parcels that may have been subject to the Map Act and either have made or may make a claim.

Of the remaining parcels, over 1,365 have been acquired by the Department. The acquisition costs for these parcels, including the resolution of any claims related to the Map Act total \$203,885,989. There have been 577 causes of action filed, many affecting multiple parcels. Of these filed causes of action, 178 have reached final settlement. These settlements, including parcel acquisition costs, total \$111,093,839. Two cases have been adjudicated and are on appeal.

The Department has paid contracted legal counsel \$9,680,933.40 in relation to Map Act claims and causes of action.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 919-707-2823 or chuckwatts@ncdot.gov.